Meeting called by: Michael O’Brien, Chair  
Date: 5-16-18  
Time: 5:30PM

Invitees/Speakers
- Jason Gorman, Consultant from Clough Harbor Associates
- Frank Zeoli, Assistant Commissioner of DGS
- Joseph Giebelhaus, Director of Solid Waste Operations

Committee Members Present:
- O’Brien, Chair ☒
- Fahey ☒
- Flynn ☒
- Johnson ☒
- Love ☒

Council Members Present:
- Thomas Hoey, Judy Doesschate, Kelly Kimbrough

City Personnel Present:
- City Auditor Susan Rizzo, Brian Shea, Tina Lieberman (Sustainability Advisory Committee)

Minutes

Agenda Item:
Chair convened the meeting stating members present and that the agenda included discussion with DGS regarding solid waste management.

Points of Discussion:
- The Committee discussed that currently DGS collects trash and recyclables weekly from 21,676 residential units in the City of Albany. Commercial properties and apartment complexes containing more than four residential units are serviced by private trash haulers. The city has issued 14,396 recycling carts each of 64 gallon size. The city is one year into its pilot program with trackable recycling carts. One fully automated collection vehicle is in operation with a retractable arm on the vehicle. All other recycling vehicles have automated lifters but the carts must be hand pulled to the vehicle. There has been a 15% increase in recycling in homes serviced by the pilot program. A pilot program for automated trash collection containers is expected to start in the autumn of 2018.
- In discussions with Department of General Services (DGS) states that a start-up date for pay as you throw (PAYT) trash fees has not been determined. The sizes of trash carts for pay as you throw have yet to be determined and accommodation must be made for homes where wheeled carts are not feasible.
- With no future expansion of the Rapp Road Albany landfill available, planning is underway for future disposal options. Proposals have been submitted by five entities in response to a request for proposals but only three were sufficiently responsive to the need for construction and operation of a waste transfer station on Rapp Road near the existing landfill. These proposals require further evaluation and discussion with the submitters before a contractor is chosen. It is expected that a decision on the proposals will be made before the end of 2018. Currently it is estimated that the landfill will close by the end of 2022, however that closure date could be extended by taking less commercial trash and/or by greater compaction at the landfill. The 2018 City of Albany budget anticipates revenues of 6.1 million dollars from commercial trash at the landfill. Currently landfill revenues support many other necessary operations in the city budget.
Regarding disposal costs for items not destined for disposal in the landfill, the following are the costs for those items:
   Electronics disposal for 2018  $70,000
   Commingled recycling  $200,000
   Household hazardous waste  $120,000

The Solid Waste Working Group is scheduled to meet on the first Wednesday of each month at the DGS conference room.